



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 89
REPLACING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 52 CONCERNING
FOOD SAFETY AND DEFENSE TASK FORCE

By the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. Establishment.

The North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force (formerly known as the "North Carolina Food Safety and Security Task Force") is hereby established.

Section 2. Purpose.

The purpose of the Task Force is to coordinate interagency and public-private efforts to enhance protection of the State's food supply system and its agricultural industry.

Section 3. Membership.

The Task Force shall consist of the following members, or their designees:

- (1) the Commissioner of Agriculture,
- (2) the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources,
- (3) the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
- (4) the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety,
- (5) the Chancellor of North Carolina State University,
- (6) the Chancellor of University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and
- (7) representatives of other government agencies, private industry, and other public members invited to participate by the Task Force. The Commissioner of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall serve as co-chairs of the Task Force.

Section 4. Duties.

The North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force shall:

- (1) Partnering with state and federal agencies to conduct focused studies of the vulnerability of the State's food system to criminal and terrorist acts and make recommendations for
 - a. improving safety and security of the food supply system,
 - b. reducing terrorism threat measures,
 - c. improving food safety and defense mitigation and response plans, and
 - d. training for key stakeholders in the State's food supply system.